Electrification of Rail Lines

1086. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rail lines all over the country have been converted into uni-gauge system and full electrification;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which it has been achieved; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay in completion of the conversion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no proposal to convert and electrify all railway lines in the country. Electrification and conversion of lines is being done selectively, and only those lines which will generate additional capacity or having developmental potential are being taken up for conversion/electrification.

Train between Machilipatnam and Secunderabad

1087. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a new train between Machilipatnam and Secunderabad in South Central Railway; and

(b) if so, when it would start to fulfil the long cherished public demand of the area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) As announced in the Railway Budget, 7049/7050 Secunderabad-Machilipatnam Express has been introduced with effect from 30.08.1999.

Wagons supply orders to PSUs

1088. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of wagons in FWUs ordered on PSUs viz. Burn Standard, Braithwaite and Jessop in 1999-2000;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the Aajkal dated 14th November, 1999, regarding enhanced wagon orders on the sick public sector manufacturing units in West Bengal;

(c) if so, the number of wagons proposed to be ordered on the above PSUs next year; and

(d) the details of the price or purchase preferences given to the aforesaid PSU's?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) The position of wagon orders for 1999-2000 and the oustanding load as on 1.4.99 in respect of M/s. Burn Standard, M/s. Braithwaite and M/s. Jessops are tabulated below:—

(Figures in fourwheeler units)

Name of Units	Outstanding as on 1.4.99	Fresh orders for 1999-2000	Total orders
Burn Standard/ Burnpur	795	1005	1800
Burn Standard/ Howrah	215	942.5	1157.5
Braithwaite	387.5	1747.5	2135
Jessops	90	430	520

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Tender has been floated for tentative requirement of 21,000 four wheeler units of wagons from trade for next year.

(d) As per existing policy of Government, no price preference is applicable for PSUs. Purchase preference is however given to PSUs as per existing guidelines of Department of Public Enterprises.